

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, OCT. 19, 2012  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR OCT. 19, 2012

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- 1. Fall Town Hall Meeting**— The Fall Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Staff are planning to use the same format we've used for other Town Hall meetings. We will begin advertising the Town Hall meeting next week.
- 2. Sketch Plan Review** – On Wednesday Oct. 24, the Planning Commission will consider a sketch plan for redevelopment of 5109-5125 W. 49th St. into 18 attached housing units. The property is located north of Vernon Avenue, east of the Holiday gas station. The proposal is similar to the “pocket neighborhood” concept that has been looked at recently by the City Council. The existing three properties contain two townhomes and a single-family home (10 units in all). The City Council will likely review the sketch plan in November.
- 3. Countryside Neighborhood Association** – The Edina Countryside Neighborhood Association (ECNA) held its second-annual meeting Oct. 14, at Edina Fire Station No. 1. The ECNA has provided the City with copies of its bylaws, a list of Steering Committee Members and their roles, a copy of the annual flyer that was delivered to ECNA households in the ECNA boundaries, and a copy of the Voting Slip residents used to elect the 2013 Steering Committee.
- 4. Golf Dome Update** – Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Ann Kattreh and I attended the October board meeting of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District this week to request a permit to rebuild the golf dome. The board granted the permit, but required the City to build storm water storage structures on site under the parking lot sufficient to retain the 100-year rainfall event.

Staff have an important meeting next week with Traveler's claims representatives to discuss the golf dome accessory building. Staff are recommending that it be removed, based on an opinion from the Chief Building Official. Traveler's has not reached the same conclusion about the fate of the building. I am hoping that our discussion next week will resolve this issue. As I did with the Hornets Nest Project, I will bring a recommendation to the City Council to waive the building permit fees for this project. The matter will be on your Nov. 5 agenda.

- 5. Edina Film Festival** – The second-annual Edina Film Festival will be held Oct. 25-27 at the historical Edina Cinema. A documentary film produced by recent Edina High School graduate Alec Fischer, “Minnesota Nice?” which explores the effects of bullying on high school students, will be featured at this year's festival. Film Festival proceeds go directly to support programs offered by the Edina Art Center, 4701 W. 64th St. Tickets for single films as well as three-evening passes will be available.

6. **Braemar Arena** – After 40 weeks of 2012, total revenue at Braemar Arena is \$874,667, which is 2.5 percent ahead of YTD 2011.

The Hornets Nest Project is approximately two weeks behind schedule. While the building construction components of the project are going well, the project has experienced time delays and a cost overrun on the utility services for the building. The time delays have been largely resolved. I am working on a plan to resolve the cost overruns related to the utility work that I will share with the Council at the Nov. 5 meeting.

7. **Water Conservation** – The City will begin to share a number of messages with the public about the status of this summer's protracted drought and its effects on our public water supply. We have been directed by the State's Department of Health to reduce the amount of water we are withdrawing from the aquifer. We should be able to meet the target they have given us because we are heading into the fall and winter months where water consumption decreases at a predictable rate. Our target, however, will be very difficult to meet next summer if our current drought condition is still in place. We will begin by informing residents of the situation we are facing and asking them for their help in addressing it. If the drought continues and we cannot gain sufficient water consumption decreases through voluntary measures, we may have to implement compulsory measures.